

Student Video Fun

With the incorporation of the Flip Video Camera, students are making more and more videos. When they want to show off their work, what do you do? What if they want to create a professional looking video without expensive equipment. Here are some great alternatives.

1. Kids Tube: KidsTube.com is a monitored video sharing website designed for kids. All user-generated content on KidsTube is monitored by our staff to ensure a family-friendly experience for users of all ages. At KidsTube, our members are encouraged to explore their creativity and share their ideas with other kids from all over the world.

www.kidstube.com

2. Xtra Normal is a unique service that enables students to create animated, narrated movies just by typing the dialogue then dragging and dropping characters and set elements into the movies. There are free and paid plans for using Xtra Normal. The primary difference between the plans being that the paid plan offers more options for the setting of your story. The standard plan should be more than adequate for most academic applications.

<http://www.xtranormal.com/>

3. Stupeflix is a service that allows user to quickly and easily create video montages using their favorite images and audio clips. In many ways Stupeflix reminds me of Animoto, but there are a couple of differences that are worth noting. Stupeflix allows users to drag and drop their images into the sequence that they would like the images to appear. Adding text to the images is easier in Stupeflix than it is on Animoto. Stupeflix offers only one default soundtrack so you have to upload your own audio clips. That said the advantage of

Stupeflix is that you can use more than one audio clip within the same video.

<http://www.stupeflix.com/>

4. Masher is a great, free, tool for creating video mash-ups. Masher offers a large collection of video clips from the BBC's Motion Gallery and Rip Curl video. There is a large music library, an effects library, and a good selection of video player skins. If you don't find content that you like in Masher's library, you can add your own images, video clips, and music clips through the Masher uploader. Masher also gives you the option to insert text throughout your videos. Creating with Masher is a simple matter of dragging elements from the media gallery into the timeline editor. From there you can arrange the sequence of elements using the drag and drop interface. When you're happy with the sequence, publish and share your production.

<http://www.masher.com/>

5. Subtitle a movie: Want to have some fun with subtitles? Be a director. Choose the scenes, add subtitles and you are done. You can do this at Bombay TV 2, Classik TV, and Futebol TV. Have Fun!!!

<http://www.grapheine.com/bombaytv/v2/>

<http://www.grapheine.com/classiktv/>

<http://www.grapheine.com/futeboltv/>

Have a Great Weekend!

